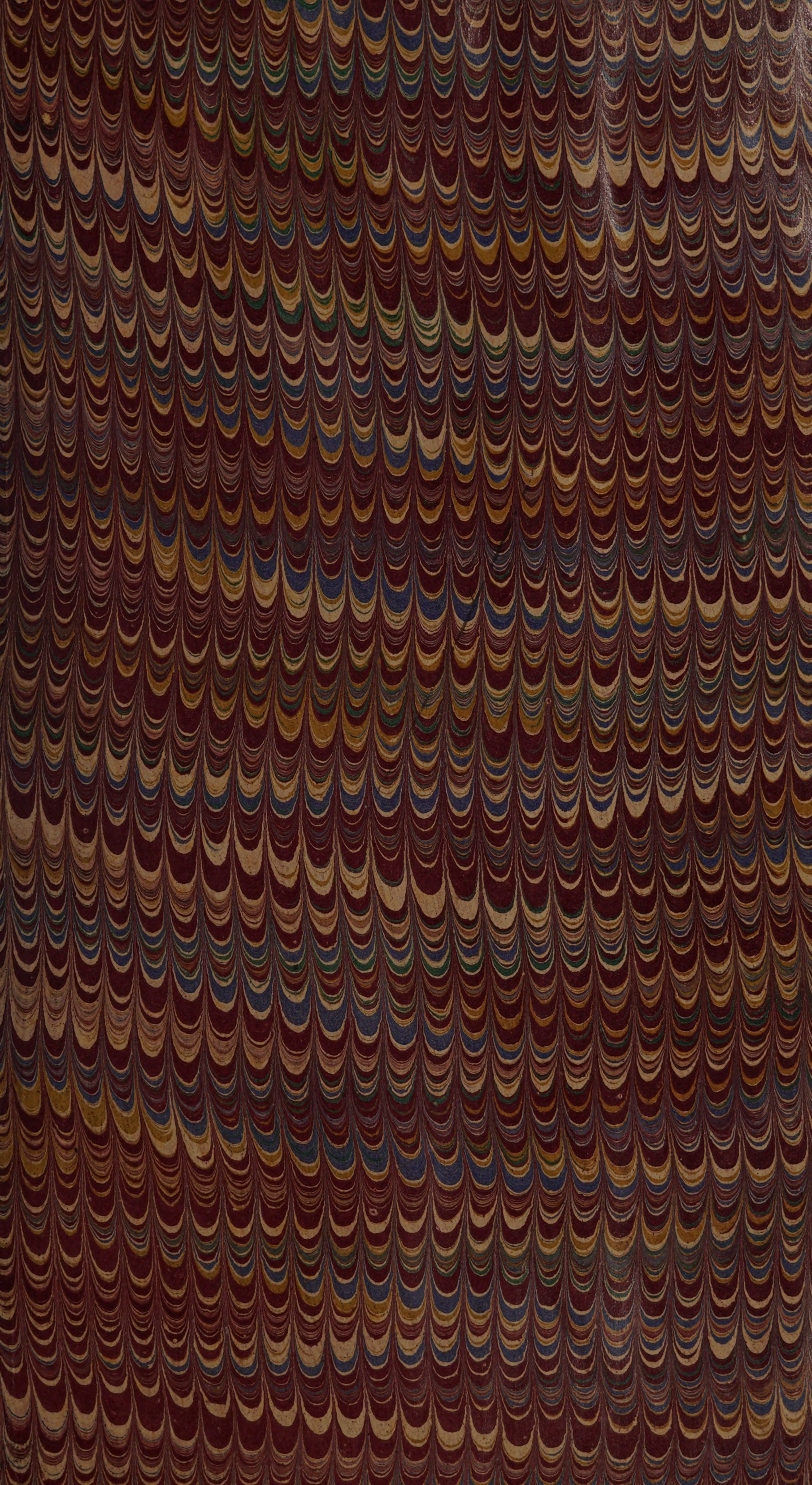


Report of LIBRARY
Comm. Hce April 1877

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Report of Committee for
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Report of Committee for Establishing a Public Library -
read at an adjourned Town Meeting held April 9. 1877.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, to prepare and report a plan for the organization and management of a Public Library, recommend the following for their consideration and action.

First -

That the Town establish a Public Library to be known as the Brimfield Library. the same to be for the use of the inhabitants of the Town under such rules and regulations as may be provided therefor -

Second,

The Library shall be under the care and management of five Directors, three gentlemen and two ladies, who shall receive no compensation for their services, and to be elected as follows: the three Males shall be elected by the Town, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and hereafter at each annual meeting one shall be chosen to serve three years, and the three thus chosen shall annually elect the two female members to serve for one year. Vacancies in the board may be filled by the remaining members, subject to the approval of the Selectmen: persons thus appointed to hold their office until the next Annual Meeting, when the Vacancies shall be filled by the Town -

Third -

The Directors shall have the superintendence of the Library, secure a suitable room therefor, make, or cause to be made all purchases for the same, appoint one or more Librarians, fix their compensation, and have the direction of these offices in the discharge of their duties. They, unless the Town has prescribed the same, shall make suitable rules for the care and use of the Books, and for the Management of the Library, and at the Annual Meeting of the Town make a full and detailed report of their proceedings -

Fourth--

The Board of Directors are authorized in the name and behalf of the Town to receive, hold and manage subject to the direction of the Town, any donation, devise or bequest for the increase or maintenance of the Library.

Fifth--

In submitting the foregoing we do it in the expectation, and recommend, if adopted, that the Dog Fund not only for the past year, but the accumulation of previous years now on deposit in the Savings Bank, the whole amounting to \$709.19—dollars, will all be appropriated for the above purpose.

Brimfield April 2, 1877.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed: Henry F. Brown

S. W. Brown

W. S. Hubbard

Mos. J. Morgan

Committee

Adjourned Town Meeting April 9, 1877.

After the reading of the foregoing report.

Samuel W. Brown moved that the Dog Fund amounting to seven hundred nine and 19/100 dollars (\$709.19) be appropriated for a Public Library and that the same be established in accordance with the report of the Committee which is hereby accepted and adopted.

Voted.

That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to nominate three Directors for the Library and Mos. J. Morgan. Samuel W. Brown and James B. Brown were appointed and reported as follows viz. Henry F. Brown for three years, Sumner Parker for two years, and Ephraim W. Homewood for one year and they were chosen.

A true copy.

Attest

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk.

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Report of Library Committee for the years 1877, 1878.
submitted at the Annual Town Meeting April 8, 1878—

To the Voters of the Town of Brimfield.
Gentlemen,

The Com. chosen to carry out the provisions of the Vote to appropriate the accumulated Dog Fund to Library purposes respectfully present the following Report. Mrs. James T. Brown and Miss Laura M. Spaulding were chosen Members of the Com. The Com. organized by choice of Henry J. Brown for Chairman and Elizabeth M. Spaulding for Secretary. Soon after the organization a proposition was made by Gen. Fitz. Henry Warner that the Com. purchase for the Town his Library consisting of 500 volumes more or less. An arrangement was made with the Library Com. of the High School which led to an offer of \$300 for the Library, which offer was accepted. The Com. then purchased 280 volumes for which they paid the sum of \$300, making the average price per volume \$1.07. Some of the Books were out of print and could only be obtained with great difficulty.

Many of them were bound in Turkey Morocco and Russia leather, and nearly all of them were standard works, and in excellent condition. Before purchasing the Books the Com. consulted Book-dealers, and satisfied themselves that they were obtaining them at a price much below the market value.

They also purchased 259 volumes of Lee and Shepard for \$285.58 including Express, or at an average price of \$1.10 per volume. The Com. had some difficulty in finding a room for Library purposes. Finally Mr. James T. Brown offered to fit up a room over his store for \$150, for 3 years to be paid in annual installments of \$50, each.

This offer was accepted by the Com. The sum paid for the room may seem large; but it should be borne in mind that it was fitted up expressly for Library use, that the Library has control of it at all times, that it is of such size and form that it is not really fitted for any other purpose than office use, and that when the lease expires the owner has no assurance that there will be any further demand for the Room. Moreover the Com.

me unable to find any other available place conveniently located and of suitable size and form.

The following statement will show the expenditures for various purposes.

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| The amount of the Dog Fund was | \$709.19 | |
| " Interest " " " | 25.63 | |
| Total Appropriation | \$734.82 | |
| Recd from Sale of Catalogues & for Fines | 9.68 | |
| Whole amt at disposal of Committee | \$744.50 | |
| Pd. H. P. Marcy for 200 ft. lumber for Shelving | | 4.08 |
| " " 466 " Boards " | | 10.55 |
| L. S. Pitts for Shelf Pins | | 2.50 |
| " David A. Shaw for making Table & Book Cases | | 19.35 |
| " Geo. Pitts Henry Warren for Books 280 volumes | | 300.00 |
| " Lee and Shepard. Boston " 259 " | | 281.71 |
| " Clark, W. Bryan & Co for Books, Catalogues etc | | 57.00 |
| " Express on Books recd of Lee and Shepard | | 3.87 |
| " For Paper for covering Books | | 5.72 |
| " Wm. S. C. Cook for covering Books | | 7.30 |
| X Recd Chas. Horner for Services as Librarian to Apr. 1, 1878 | | 6.25 |
| Whole amount Expended by Committee | | \$698.33 |
| Balance remaining unexpended | | 46.17 |
| | \$744.50 | \$744.50 |

The whole number of volumes catalogued is 572. of this number

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| 40 or 7% | are under the head Art, Agriculture, Science |
| 98 " 17% | Biography |
| 41 " 8% | Essays, Correspondence etc. |
| 190 " 33% | Fiction |
| 99 " 17% | History and Travels |
| 104 " 18% | Miscellaneous |

The % is given in round numbers.

There are 272 volumes in the Library which have not been entered on the printed Catalogue. These include Law Reports, the Revised Statutes of Mass. Public Documents etc. Most of these books previously possessed by the Town.

The total number of Books in the Library is 844.

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Books have been received by donation from Saml. W. Brown
J. E. Cook, Mrs. A. S. Condy, P. T. Spaulding and the Hon.
Geo. S. Robinson. The Com. intended to open the Library on
the first of January; but there were some circumstances which
made it impossible for them to do so. The Library was first
opened for the distribution of Books Feb. 23 1878—

The Librarian has been engaged for the ensuing year, and
no salary has been decided upon. It is probable, however,
that no one can be engaged to take charge of the Library
for less than \$50 a year.

189 persons representing 125 families have received cards
for drawing Books and 176 volumes have been drawn from
the Library making a weekly average of 111 Books. If this
average were continued through the year, the total number
drawn would be 5772 volumes. The Books of the Librarian
will show that the People upon the outskirts of the Town have avail-
ed themselves of the advantages of the Library as freely, at least,
as those living in and immediately about the Center.

According to the present arrangement books may be drawn
on every Friday from 3 to 5 P.M. and on every Saturday from
6 to 8 P.M. They may be retained without renewal 2 weeks
from the time they are drawn. Friday and Saturday of any
week being regarded as one and the same day for drawing
or returning books.

It is not the intention of the Com. to surcharge upon the
advantages resulting to this Community from the existence
of the Library. We leave it with you, the Voters of Brainfield,
to decide whether 131 volumes going weekly into the families
scattered throughout our little Town will not afford an amount
of pleasure and profit that will amply compensate for any
expenditure which has been or may be made.

In the selection of Books the Com. have not depended on
their own judgment alone. They have constantly sought
the opinions and criticisms of those familiar with the works and
competent to judge of their merits, and these opinions and crit-
icisms have had much weight in directing the choice.

That the selection has been in all cases wise, we do not
pretend to say. We were purchasing books for a Community

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not for an individual. We were obliged to recognize the fact that there were great mental differences. Natural and acquired among those who would read the Books, that what would be food for one mind would furnish little satisfaction or nourishment to others. In our line of Reading - as Fiction, for instance it was necessary for us to get as much variety as possible, and we could not confine our purchase to that one class of Books.

History, Biography, Works on Agriculture, Science etc. must have their place with Fiction. We did not stop to consider whether the Members of the Com. or individuals here and there throughout the Term had read certain books; but whether it was probable that most of those who would draw Books had done so.

We were embarrassed somewhat by the existence of the School Library and the probability that the two Libraries might be united. With the limited amount of money at our disposal, it was not an easy matter to collect a Library of Books that would be fully satisfactory to ourselves or others.

We were simply laying the foundation. That the Library is complete we do not think. There are many Books already published which should be added, and Books are constantly appearing from the Press which should be purchased as soon as issued that they may be read while the attractive marks are still upon them.

What ought to be done; but what can be done only in time of course is to make the one Library a collection of smaller Libraries or, in other words, to make each division so full that the reader can easily find something to satisfy him -

That the income from the Dog Fund will not meet the running expenses of the Library and enable the Com. to purchase many Books must be apparent to every one.

That the Library may be sustained as it should be there must be money every year from some other source.

Until a permanent fund is provided, we believe the Term can take no wiser action than to appropriate a certain sum annually to maintain and enlarge the usefulness of the Library - E. W. Howard sec.

Submitted by,

April 8, 1878.

Henry J. Brown
Sumner Parker
Edw. Hammond
Mrs. James T. Brown
Laura M. Spaulding

} Directors of
Brimfield
Public Library

Read in Town Meeting and accepted April 8, 1878.

Henry J. Brown
Town Clerk

To the Directors of the Brimfield Public Library

At the last annual Town Meeting held on Monday April 1, 1878 and by adjournment on Monday April 8 following Sumner Parker resigned his position as one of the Library Directors and

Thomas J. Morgan was chosen to fill the vacancy also,

voted.

That the Dog Fund amounting to Eighty Five and $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars (\$85.92) be appropriated for the Public Library, provided seventy five per cent of the amount be expended for Books

Attest,

Henry J. Brown
Town Clerk

Brinfield April 24, 1878.

At a Meeting of the Directors held in the Library room.
Henry J. Brown. Mrs. J. Morgan and E. W. Homard present.
Mrs. James. J. Brown and Miss Laura M. Spaulding
were elected body directors for the ensuing year.

E. W. Homard Sec.

Brinfield May 18, 1878

Meeting in the Library Room. Henry J. Brown was
elected Chairman. E. W. Homard Secretary

E. W. Homard and Mrs. James. J. Brown were elected a
Com to select and report a list of Books for purchase.

Adjourned

E. W. Homard Sec.

Brinfield June 1, 1878

Meeting in Library Room. The Com. chosen at the
last Meeting to select a list of Books for purchase, reported.
Voted That the sum of Fifty Dollars be appropriated for the pur-
chase of Books.

Voted A list was then agreed upon by the Directors and it was
Voted That the Sec. be authorized to purchase the list of Books agreed
upon with such alterations as may seem best.

Voted, That the Librarian be instructed to purchase ~~a~~ lamps suitable
to light the room sufficiently.

E. W. Homard Sec.

Brinfield Nov. 21, 1879.

Meeting in Library Room. Com. present except Miss.
Laura M. Spaulding - Voted to pay Chas. A. Warner
Fifty Dollars per year for services as Librarian -

Voted to purchase Abbott's Hist of Civil War of U. S. Brown
for \$200 -

E. W. Homard Sec.

Brimsfield March 25-1879.

Meeting held in Library Room - All members of the Committee present except Mr. Thos. J. Morgan.

Resolved

That E. W. Hammond be authorized to expend the balance remaining unexpended of 75% of the Dog Fund, the amt received from fines and sales of catalogues, and the amt. received from lecture given by Mr. Bowen of Springfield for benefit of Library -

Resolved

to adjourn to Saturday evening April 5-1879.

E. W. Hammond Sec -

By vote of the Term the Committee was required to expend at least 75% of the amount appropriated for Books. This left only \$21.48 of the last appropriation, which, added to last year's balance, made a total of \$64.22 to be used by the Committee to meet the current expenses of the Library. Of this sum they have expended only \$2.91 for Books, leaving a balance of \$61.31. This balance has been insufficient to defray the expenses of the Library, which amounted to \$114.02—

During the year 84 vols. have been added to the Library by donation and 84 by purchase. Books have been received by donation from Sam^l W. Brown, who has contributed 45 vols. during the year, 54 vols. in all. Chas. Newton, A. W. Pierson, Mrs. A. S. Cowdry, Hon. Henry L. Dawes, and Hon. Geo. D. Robinson. Mr. Robinson's contribution includes 66 nos. of the official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office—

In case any of the citizens have volumes which were formerly in the District Libraries, or other good books, reports or magazines which they would be willing to contribute to the Library, the Com. would be pleased to receive them—

There are 1084 volumes in good binding in the Library of these 324 are Public Documents, State and National Law Reports, Reports of the Sec. of Board of Education etc—

The remaining 724 volumes are distributed as follows—

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| Agriculture, Science, Art. | 47 vols or 6% |
| Biography | 113 " " 17% |
| Essays Correspondence etc | 46 " " 6% |
| Fiction | 254 " " 35% |
| History, Descriptive, Travels | 150 " " 21% |
| Poems | 18 " " 2% |
| Miscellaneous | 96 " " 13% |

The Library has been open for drawing Books on Friday and Saturday of each week—

The number of volumes drawn from Feb. 23, 1878. to Feb. 23 1879 was 5030 or a weekly average of 95 books.

Of the volumes drawn 3162 or 62% were works of Fiction. 925 or 18% works of History, Travels etc— 224 or 4% works on art, science etc; 389 or 8% works of Biography

40, Poems, 255- Essays and 34 Miscellaneous

The percent of Fiction drawn is relatively large. It is small, however, compared with the amount generally drawn from Libraries - as any one can ascertain by examining Reports.

Most of the books are standard works, and the Fiction in the Library, as a whole, will compare favorably with that usually found in similar libraries. As the report shows, over 900 volumes of History and Travels have been drawn and probably most of them read. If the Library had only furnished this amount of History to be read, we think it would have amply paid the Town for all it has cost.

267 persons representing 162 families drew books during the year. If the population of Brimfield were the same today as in 1870. $\frac{267}{1288}$, or more than $\frac{1}{5}$ of the people in Town have drawn books during the year. The books of the Librarian will show that the interest in the Library still continues, and has not abated. During the week ending March 29, 1879, 91 volumes were drawn - during the last week 90 volumes.

There are many persons who do not and cannot, perhaps, read very much because they have not formed the habit - reading, without doubt, is in a great measure a habit - consequently they have not that discipline of mind which makes it easy for them to read or which enables them to find much pleasure or profit in it - If they read anything at all it must be the newspaper with its variety, or some light work which will excite the feelings, and which does not require much mental effort, and yet what they read becomes a kind of stock in trade to them, furnishing daily subjects for conversation and increasing their general intelligence. It does for them, in a small way, what much good reading does in a large way. In public places men and boys may be heard daily talking of the last murder case or making match or of the invention of a telephone or photograph - things of which they have gained a knowledge by reading - and in the discussion the memory, imagination and reasoning faculties even are brought into exercise. Without doubt much mental discipline is gained

in these ways. If these persons could be led to read history, travels, biography or scientific works until it became as pleasant and natural for them to read works of this kind, as the daily newspapers, the mental, moral and social benefits resulting would be great.

Many men educate themselves by their reading. They have a knowledge of the world, though they may have seen but very little of it. They are familiar with the best thoughts and opinions of men, whom they have never met. They are intelligent, full and interesting and made so by their reading.

Greely, Wilson and Burritt are familiar examples of men, who did not find it necessary to depend upon Schools and Colleges to attain to eminence; but they were all extensive readers, and whatever fitness they got to labor well in their particular places of activity came to them through the educational agency of books.

No one can determine the value of the Town Library as an educational force in this Community.

It should be an Institution cherished with care, and nourished with generosity - Over 5000 volumes are drawn from its shelves in one year and go into 162 different families of the Town. Many of them are read. The results will not appear in a day or year; but everyone who has carefully read even a single good book and thought upon it, will find the time when the knowledge that it gave will be of value to him, and if the reading has been constant and thoughtful the Town will be blessed by it in having intelligent and capable men and women to direct its social and political interests.

If the Com. will take care that no books appear upon the shelves of the Library that are not fit to be read; if the Parents will draw good books, encourage their children to do it, and strive in the home circle, to awaken an interest in the best class of Reading; if the Town will be justly liberal in its appropriations the work of the Library has but just begun.

Books must be added to it yearly; for an old Library is almost a dead letter to the masses.

There must be new and fresh elements added to it, at least until a taste for good reading is cultivated in the Community. or much of its efficiency will be lost. The Com. was compelled to use the first years appropriation in a very general way.

Books had to be purchased to start the Library which, with a limited sum of money, is a very different thing from purchasing books to add to a Library already organized.

The appropriation last year was small, and enabled the Com. to add only a few books comparatively.

There is need, now, of a larger appropriation which will make it possible to purchase a sufficient number of Books to put the Library on a good working basis.

Considering the fact that no appropriation - except the dog fund - has been made for the Library.

We trust that the voters of the Town will see the need and meet it liberally by a special appropriation.

Respectfully submitted
E. W. Howard Sec.

Read in Town Meeting and accepted April 7. 1879.

To Directors of Brimfield Public Library

At the last annual Town Meeting held on Monday April 7. 1879 Mrs. J. Morgan was elected Library Director for three years.

At the adjourned meeting held Tuesday April 8. 1879

voted

That the Two Hundred amounting to Dollars be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library -

voted

To appropriate One Hundred Dollars for the purchase of Books for the Public Library payable in such amounts and at such times as the Library Directors shall certify to the Selectmen that an amount equal to that called for has been secured for the same purpose by donation or otherwise.

voted

That the Library Directors be instructed to take measures to secure means to avail of the above vote -

(Attest)

Henry F. Brown Town Clerk.

Brimfield April 11. 1879.

Meeting in the Library Room Henry F. Brown E. W. Hornwood and Mrs. J. Morgan present.

On motion of J. J. Morgan. Mrs. James S. Brown & Miss Laura M. Spaulding were elected Lady Directors for the ensuing year -

E. W. Hornwood Sec.

Brimfield May 23. 1879.

Meeting of Directors in Library Room - All present except Mrs. J. Morgan.

voted

That a Paper be drawn up and efforts made to raise money by subscription to make the one hundred dollars appropriated by the Town, or some portion of the same available for the use of the Library -

E. W. Hornwood Sec.

Brimfield, Mass., April, 14, 1885.
Meeting of Library Directors at office of
Henry F. Brown.

Henry F. Brown, Samuel W. Brown
and Louis S. Brown present.

Made choice of Henry F. Brown as
Chairman and Louis S. Brown Secretary.

Mrs. James F. Brown and Miss Rebecca
M. Lincoln were elected as Lady Directors
for the ~~ensuing~~ year.

Louis S. Brown
Secty.

Brimfield, Mass., May 1, 1886.
Meeting of Directors in Library Room.
Henry F. Brown, S. W. Brown and Louis S.
Brown present.

Made choice of Henry F. Brown
Chairman, Louis S. Brown, Secretary.

Mrs. James F. Brown and Rebecca M. Lincoln
were elected as Lady Directors for the
ensuing year.

Louis S. Brown
Secty.

Brimfield May 31, 1886.
Meeting of Directors in Library Room,
all members present.

Voted

that a Librarian be elected to serve for one
year from June 1st. if the duties are performed
to the satisfaction of the Directors, at a salary of
\$50.00 a year payable quarterly.

Accordingly Louis S. Brown was elected
as Librarian for one year from June 1, 1886.

Louis S. Brown
Secty.

Brimfield, Mass. May 10. 1887.

Meeting of Directors in office of Henry F. Brown.
Henry F. Brown, Chas. A. Fuller and Louis S. Brown
present.

(Voted) That Mrs. James T. Brown and Miss Rebecca
M. Lincoln serve ^{date} as Lady Directors of the
Brimfield Public Library for the ensuing
year. ^{Enro}

Louis S. Brown.

Sec'y.

Brimfield May 12, 1887.

Meeting of Directors in Library Room.
all members present.

(Voted) That Mrs Jas T. Brown and Miss Rebecca
Lincoln serve as Lady Directors of the
Brimfield Public Library for the en-
suing year.

(Voted) That Louis S. Brown serve as
Librarian as per vote of May 31, 1886.

Louis S. Brown

Sec'y.

Brimfield July 3 1888.

Meeting of Directors in Library Room all
members present.

(Voted) That Elmer C. Corder serve as Librarian from
July 1, 1888. to ~~June~~ 1, 1889. subject to the same
conditions as contained in vote of May 31, 1886.

Louis S. Brown
Sec'y.

Brimfield April 5, 1889.

Meeting of Librarians Directors in Librarian
Room. C. A. Homer Louis S. Brown and
Rev. W. R. Pence present.

Made choice of Chas. A. Homer as
Chairman and Louis S. Brown as Secretary.

Noted That Mrs. Jas. I. Brown and Miss Rebecca M.
Lincoln serve as the lady directors for the
ensuing year.

Louis S. Brown Secy.

Brimfield Oct. 2. 1891
 Meeting of Trustees of the Brimfield Public
 Library, in Library-Room. Henry F. Brown,
 Rev. W. R. Pierce, Miss Rebecca M. Lincoln,
 Mrs. John H. Noyes and Louis S. Brown were
 present.

The meeting organized by making
 choice of Rev. W. R. Pierce, Chairman and
 Louis S. Brown, Secretary.

On motion of Mr Henry F. Brown it
 was voted to request the Librarian to
 furnish a list of all magazines and
 pamphlets that now need binding.

On motion of Mr Henry F. Brown it was
 voted to accept the gift of the vols. of Harper's
 Monthly Magazine from Dec 1883 to May
 1886 as offered by Mr. Samuel W. Brown.

Voted To adjourn one week at 7 o'clock. P.M.

Louis S. Brown.

Secy.

Brimfield, Oct. 9, 1891.
 Adjourned meeting called to order by
 the Chairman W. R. Pierce.

Voted On motion of Henry F. Brown to accept
 the vols. of Century Magazine offered as a
 gift to the Library by Miss Lillie Warner.

Voted On motion of Henry F. Brown to have all
 vols. of unbound magazines bound as
 reported by the Librarian.

Voted On motion of Henry F. Brown, to appro-
 priate the sum of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.)
 for the purchase of books.

Voted On motion of Mrs. John H. Noyes, that
 Louis S. Brown be instructed to prepare a
 list of books selected from lists of books
 presented by different members of the Trustees.

as he deems suitable to purchase for the library within the foregoing appropriation of \$75. and report at the next adjourned meeting.

Voted To adjourn till Friday evening next at 7 o'clock.

Lewis S. Brown

Secty.

Brimfield, Oct 16 1891

By consent of all members the adjourned meeting for this date was adjourned to Oct. 20 at same place.

Lewis S. Brown Secty.

Brimfield Oct 20 1891

Adjourned Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the chairman W. K. Pierce.

The list of books, as prepared by Lewis S. Brown, for the purchase of same for the library, was then read and accepted.

Voted On motion of Mr Henry F. Brown that the Secty. be instructed to purchase the same in pursuance of Vote of Oct. 9 -

Voted

On motion of Mr Henry F. Brown that the chairman prepare suitable suitable vote of thanks to Mr. Moses Mowbray for the clock given to the library by him and furnish the same for record by the Secty. and that the Secty. be requested to present ^{a copy of} the same to Mr Mowbray.

Voted

That the Secty. cause the Magazines and books which may need binding to

be properly bound, including those given to the library by S. W. Brown and Miss Billy Warner

Voted That the Secty. be instructed to accept the gift of a Crayon Portrait of Genl. Fitz Henry Warren offered by Mr. A. W. Pearson, if in his judgment a suitable frame can be obtained at a reasonable cost.

Voted To adjourn.

Louis S. Brown

Secty.

Brimfield April 4 1892.

Meeting of Library Trustees in Library Room. Members present Rev. W. R. Peirce, J. M. Russell, Louis S. Brown, Rebecca M. Lincoln and Mrs. John H. Noyes.

The Trustees organized by making choice of W. R. Peirce, chairman and Louis S. Brown, Secretary.

Voted On motion of Miss Lincoln, that the Secretary present to Mr. A. W. Pearson the thanks of this Board of Trustees of the Brimfield Public Library — for his ^{generous} gift of the Crayon Portrait of Genl. Fitz Henry Warren.

Voted on motion of J. M. Russell, that the hours of opening the library to the public be changed and that the library be open for the delivery and receiving of books as follows. viz: Fridays from 4 till 5 o'clock P.M.; Saturdays from 6:30 till 8 o'clock P.M. and on Sundays, as per the vote of the Town Apr 4 1892, from 12 till 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Voted That the secty cause to be posted notices of the change of houses at Fostetts mills, at the P.O. in East Brimfield and at the P.O. at the Center

Voted That a committee to consist of J. H. Russell and Louis S. Brown confer ^{with} the ~~committee~~ on appropriations appointed by the town, as to the expediency of asking an appropriation from the town in place of the Dog Fund which the town failed to appropriate for the library for the ensuing year.

Voted To adjourn.

Louis S. Brown
Secty

Brimfield, April 11 1892

At a meeting of the voters of Brimfield held April 4th and by adjournment thereof April 11th voted to revive the vote of April 4th in relation to the disposition of the Dog Fund and this day voted that the Dog Fund be used for the purchase of Books for the Public Library amount being \$109.86

Copy of vote by

Geo M. Hitchcock

Town Clerk

Brimfield, Nov 25. 1892

At a meeting of the Trustees of the
Public Library

Notes

To subscribe for the "Review of Reviews"

Notes

To accept Mr A. W. Tinsons gift of the
Crayon Portrait of the late Henry F. Brown,
and that the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00)
be paid him for the frame already with
the crayon

Notes

That the Society present to Mr A. W. Tinson
the thanks of the Board of Trustees of the
Brimfield Public Library for his kind gift
of the Portrait above stated,

Notes

That the Trustees appropriate the sum of
Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the purchase
of Books and that Miss R. M. Lincoln
and Mrs J. H. Hayes be a committee
to select Books and they are empowered
to purchase the same at their
option

Louis S. Brown

Secy

copies and entire from minutes
by E. M. Hitchcock

Brimfield Oct 21. 1892

At a meeting of the Trustees of the
Brimfield Public Library held this day

Notes

On motion of J. M. Russell that we purchase
one copy of Catalogue of 3rd edition of
A. L. A. Library at \$10.00 per copy at \$2.00.

L. S. Brown

Secy

Brimfield Apr 4. 1893

At the Annual Meeting of the Voters of Brimfield held Apr. 3. 1893 it was Voted on motion of S. H. Brown that the Dog Fund of \$106.14 be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Brimfield Public Library

A true copy of Record
by Geo M. Hitchcock

Town Clerk

Brimfield Jan 1. 1894

The Trustees of the Brimfield Public Library with the Select men of the town met in conformity to the law made and provided in such cases to fill vacancies on board of Trustees by the non acceptance of office of Georgianna Whitehouse chosen at the last Annual Meeting of the Voters of Brimfield also of the removal from town of J. M. Russell

Vote That the vacancies on board of Trustees be now filled and the following persons were chosen by ballot and declared elected to fill vacancies till the next annual meeting viz

Geo M. Hitchcock

M. Anna Tarbell

Vote That Rev W. K. Pease notify the above persons of their election

W. K. Pease Supervisor

At a meeting of the Trustees of the
Brimfield Public Library held at the
Selectmen's Room Jan'y 3^d 1894.

Rev H. K. Peirce. Miss Rebecca M. Lincoln.

Miss M. Anna Taber and Geo M. Hitchcock
being present

Rev H. K. Peirce called the meeting to order
and organized by choosing

Rev H. K. Peirce Chairman

Geo M. Hitchcock Clerk

The question of new books and a catalogue
for the Library was somewhat discussed
and - voted to adjourn this meeting to
Monday Eve next

Recorded by

Geo M. Hitchcock

Clerk

Brimfield Jan'y 26. 1894

The Trustees of the Brimfield Public
Library met at the Library Room at 2 P.M.

Vote That we do not get a catalogue at this
time. and that we now decide on a
list of Books for the Library

Brimfield Jan'y 27. 1894

The Trustees met at the Library Room
and after selecting the names of Books
and arranging the Magazines to be
bound

Vote That the Clerk be empowered to purchase
the books also to having the magazines
bound at his discretion

Vote That the Librarian be instructed to see
that the regulations printed in the

books taken from the Library be
enforced,

Geo M Hitchcock

clerk

Brimfield May 7, 1894

The Trustees of the Public Library with
the selectmen of the town met in conformity
to the law made and provided in cases
to fill vacancies on board of Trustees,
as Mr Geo W. Eare chosen at the last
Annual meeting of the Voters of Brimfield
declined to accept the office

The meeting was called to order,
four of the Trustees with the board of
Selectmen being present

Rev W. K. Teins being chosen Chairman
Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Voted To now choose a Trustee in place of Geo W. Eare
who declined to accept the office

Oscar F. Brown having received all
ballots cast was declared elected

A. true record

Geo M Hitchcock

clerk

Meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library held at
Selectmens Room May 9. 1894 8 o'clock P.M.
all members being present and proceeded
to organize for ensuing year and
made choice of the following officers
Chairman Rev Dr. H. Pease
Clerk Geo M. Hitchcock

Voted That Oscar F. Brown be a Committee to confer
with the proper authorities on the matter
as set forth and provided in Act of 1890
Chap 347. also Acts of 1892 Chap 255 relating
to the State gift of Books to towns for their
Public Libraries and if it thought
advisable to secure its benefits for
our Public Library

Voted That a Catalogue of the books in the
Library be printed and that the board
of Trustees prepare the same for print

Voted That there be an Annual Meeting at
the Library Room on the first Monday
of May at one o'clock P.M. for the
purpose of organizing the board
choosing Librarian and any other
business that may properly come before
the meeting

Voted That the chairman may call special meetings
on receiving a written request from one
or more members of the board of Trustees

Voted That we subscribe for one year ^{for} the
"Forum Magazine" and begin with the
first of the present volume

Voted That the clerk be authorized to procure the same

Vote That when this meeting adjourn it be to
one week from this evening at 8 o'clock

Vote That we now adjourn

Recorded by
Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of Library Trustees
May 16. 1894

The subject of catalogues and best
method of arranging the same was discussed
at length and vote to adjourn at
the call of the chairman

Recorded by
Geo M. Hitchcock Clerk

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library
held at the Library Room, May 24. 1894

Vote That the Librarian be directed to issue no
books from the Library ~~before~~ June 8th or until
completion of Catalogues now in progress

Vote That the printing of catalogues be left with
the clerk

Vote To adjourn to Monday eve next 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.
Geo M Hitchcock
Clerk

Meeting of Library Trustees Monday Eve May 28th '94

Voted to take an informal ballot for Librarian,
on first informal ballot

Lydia B. Hitchcock had 2 votes

Elmer W. Gardner " 3 votes

on second informal ballot

M. Anna Tarbee had 1 vote

George Wainwright Whitehouse 1 vote

Elmer W. Gardner 2 votes

Voted to now cast a formal ballot and this the
result Lydia B. Hitchcock had 1 vote

M. Anna Tarbee had 1 vote

Elmer W. Gardner had 3 votes

and Elmer W. Gardner was declared elected
term of service to commence June 1, 1894 and
end June 1, 1895

Voted that there be 300 Catalogues printed

Voted to now adjourn

Geo W. Hitchcock

clerk

Meeting of Library Trustees June 28, 1894

All members being present

Mr Oscar Brown made a report of the
investigation of the State of Mass furnishing books
to Librarian. and it was thought advisable
to defer the matter until the next
annual meeting of voters of Springfield

Voted That all mail matter coming to the
Springfield P. O. for the Library shall,
in case of the secretaries

Voted to now adjourn

Geo W. Hitchcock

clerk

Meeting of Trustees of Brimfield Public Library
Nov 19. 1894

All members present

The clerk gave notice that the new catalogues had come to hand, three hundred copies at the cost of One Hundred Dollars

Voted that the clerk mail one copy of catalogue to Miss Ella S. Howe of Lancaster in appreciation of her services in planning the work of cataloguing

Voted that each member of Trustees have one copy of catalogue free of cost

Voted that the catalogues be sold at twenty five cents each

Voted that the clerk be authorized to subscribe for the same Magazines ^{for the next year} as taken the present year and if he thought advisable to subscribe for the "Atlantic" in room of Scribners

Voted that we purchase books not to exceed Six dollars and it be left to a committee of three to select the same

Voted that M. Anna Tarbee, Rebecca M Lincoln and Mrs J. St. Hayes be that Committee

Voted to now adjourn

Geo M Hitchcock
clerk

Meeting of Trustees Springfield Public Library
held April 17. 1895

All members present

Rev H. K. Peine called the meeting to order
and organized by choosing

Rev H. K. Peine Chairman

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Voted that we pay Miss M. Anna Tarbell 20 cts
for Magazine furnished

Voted to ^{make} exchange Town Histories with Towns of
~~Florida~~ Hingham & Deerfield

Voted to accept gift of Smedenborgs works of
American Smedenborg Printing & Pub Society
20 Cooper Union New York City as a free
gift. we to pay express on same

Voted that we now adjourn

Geo. M Hitchcock

Clerk

Meeting of Trustees of Springfield Public Library
May 22 1895

Voted We now choose a Librarian for one year
from June 1st 1895 and the result was
as follows Lydia B. Hitchcock one vote
M Anna Tarbell one vote
E. W. Carver four votes
and E. W. Carver was declared elected

Voted that M. A. Tarbell, Mrs J. H. Hayes & Rev H. K. Peine be a
committee to purchase any or all the list of
books proposed this eve, as they see fit

Voted to now adjourn
Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Meeting of Trustees of Public Library
 Sep 16. 1895. All members present

The resignation of E. W. Gardner ~~was~~ as Librarian
 was read and vote accepted

Vote That the chairman & clerk prepare
 suitable resolutions to present Mr Gardner
 as an appreciation of his interest in
 the Library

Vote to now choose a Librarian to fill vacancy
 caused by resignation of E. W. Gardner

Miss M. Anna Tarbee had 5 vote
 " Lydia Hitchcock had 1 vote
 and Miss M. Anna Tarbee was
 declared elected

Vote that Mr Oscar F. Brown be a committee
 to interview the Librarian as to the
 care of the Library Room

Vote to send Catalogue of Books to
 American Sweenborough Printing and Binding Co
 20 Cooper Union New York City

Vote that we appropriate ^{a sum not to exceed} fifty Dollars for the
 purchase of books for Public Library

Vote that Rev W. K. Pease M. Anna Tarbee
 Rebecca Lincoln and Mrs J. H. Keys be a
 committee to prepare a list of books
 to present at the next meeting

Vote that a committee be appointed to consider
 the best method of preserving matter
 of local history and biography

Vote that the committee consist of three

Vote that the following be that committee
 Oscar F. Brown
 M. Anna Tarbell
 Mrs J. H. Noyes

Vote to now adjourn to Oct 8th next at 7 o'clock P.M.

Resolved by
 Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

1895 Tuesday Ev Oct 8th the time at which
 the last meeting adjourned as not
 all members of trustee board present
 adjourned to Wednesday Ev next
 Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Wednesday Ev Oct 9. 1895—

The Chairman called the meeting
 to order

Milesan F Brown reported to the trustees
 that the Selectmen would be willing
 to pay for the cleaning of the Library
 Room also see that wood was brought
 into the room for the stove

Vote that the cleaning of the room be left
 with the Librarian

Miss M Anna Tarbell notified the
 meeting that she would accept the
 Office of Librarian

Vote the whole matter of structuring ^{and purchasing} books for the
 Public Library be left with the Committee

chosen to prepare a list of books

Voted That the exchanging of Principice Town History for the History of Deerfield be left with the clerk

Voted That we now adjourn

Geo M Fitcher

clerk

1893-

Dec 4 Meeting of Trustees of Public Library

Voted That the Secretary be authorized to subscribe for the same Monthly Magazine as taken the past year

Voted That we subscribe for the Atlantic Monthly in addition to the other Magazine

Voted To now adjourn

Geo M Fitcher . clerk

Meeting of Trustees of Public Library Mon 17. 1894

Miss Rebecca Lincoln absent

The Chairman called for Treasurer's Report
which was given and

Voted it accepted and approved by the board present

Voted to accept the report of Librarian and request that it be printed with the next town report

Voted That Mr Oscar Brown be a committee to cause an article to be inserted in the Warrant for the next Annual meeting of Voters of Deerfield in relation to accepting the gift of Books from the State under the conditions specified in acts of 1890 Chap 347. and that he present the matter to the voters of the town for their action

Voted That Librarian extend to the Woman's Educational Association a vote of thanks from the board of trustees of the Library for the very generous loan of books from that association

Voted to now adjourn
 Geo M. H. Johnson Sec
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Meeting of Trustees Apr 23rd 1896

Meeting called to order by the Chairman

Voted The Clerk gave notice that at the Annual Meeting of the Voters of Princeton, ^{held May 6. 1896} it was
 Voted to raise and appropriate Twenty Five Dollars for the Public Library to avail ourselves of the gift of \$100. worth of Books from the State

Voted That the Chairman request the Town Clerk to mail to the State Library Commission a certified copy of the minutes of the town at the last annual meeting in relation to availing ourselves of the State gift of Books to the town

Voted That a sum not to exceed Fifty Dollars be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library. by the Committee chosen hereafter for the selection of such.

Voted That the Library be closed on Sunday until further notice. beginning May 1st

Voted to now adjourn.
 Geo M. H. Johnson
 Clerk

Annual Meeting of Trustees of Brimfield
Public Library May 4. 1896

as not a majority of Trustees present
Voted to adjourn to Monday next 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Monday 11th 1896

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday eve next

Tuesday May 12. 1896

Meeting called to order by Chairman

Voted We now proceed to organize for the present year

and Rev W K Peim was elected Chairman
Geo M Hitchcock Secretary

Voted to now choose a Librarian for one year
from June 1st 1896

Ms. Anna Taber was declared elected

Voted that the committee heretofore chosen to
purchase books, furnish a list of such
as desired, to the State Librarian
for their approval

Voted that the Clerk make an exchange with
the Town of Framingham for "History of
Framingham". on such terms as he
thinks advisable

Voted that the Clerk be an agent, to see that
the Magazine we now have on hand
are bound, similar to those bound heretofore

Voted that the procuring of cases for the transportation of
books taken from and to the Library be
left with the Librarian and Clerk

Voted to now adjourn Geo M Hitchcock

Meeting of Trustees of Public Library June 23^d 1896
all members present

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to deposit the
legacy left by Miss Ursula J. Shaw as per her will
(\$2241.78) in the following savings Banks
as follows

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Springfield Institution for Savings | 500.00 |
| Springfield Five Cent Savings Bank | 500.00 |
| Hampden Savings Bank | 500.00 |
| Palmer Savings Bank | 741.78 |
| | <u>\$ 2241.78</u> |

Voted to now adjourn
Geo M. Hitchcock

Meeting of Trustees Dec 14. 1896

Voted that the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)
be paid the Librarian for extra services

Voted to that the Librarian extend thanks of
the Trustees to John Hagen, Miss Chandler.
S. D. Charles Esq and the State Librarian
for their gifts to the Library

Voted that we subscribe for the same Magazine
as taken the past year also add to the
list The Chautauquan

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to procure
the above Magazine

Voted to now adjourn

Geo M. Hitchcock
Secretary

Geo M Hitchcock In ac. with
Trustees of Public Library
Dr

1895
April 1

To cash on hand 47.10

" Appropriation by Town Dog Fund 148.10

1896
Mch 1 " Cash received for Catalogues sold 7.50
" " for Fines 2.10 \$ 204.80

1896 Cr

Apr 23 By cash paid C. A. Watson for Forum
to Jan'y 1896 205

Jan 3 " " " E. W. Landon Librarian 1250

to Jan 1

7 " " " Express on Books .45

21 " " " Bill Forbes & Wallum 36.66

Sep 1 " " " Express on Books 35

Oct 17 " " " History of Guilford 25

" " " Dif. in Exchange with " 520

Nov 4 " " " Cash E. W. Landon Librarian to July 15 6.25

8 " " " Express on Books 60

11 " " " " " 35

Dec 23 " " " W. H. Gannett Magazines 23.35

Jan 23 " " " Forbes & Wallum 33.13

Feb 8 " " " M Anna Tarbell Librarian 25.00

Mch 2 " " " " " 4.73

" " " " " Sundries 1.36

" " " Geo Hitchcock Postage 50

" " on Hand 4902 \$ 204.80

Geo M Hitchcock Treasurer

Oscar F Brown

Robt W Peirce

Lizzie W Hayes

M Anna Tarbell

Approved
by
Trustees

Geo M Hitchcock In ac with Treasury of Public Library

1896

Dr

| | | |
|---------|--|--------|
| July 1 | By cash paid M. A. Tarbell on Salary | 17.56 |
| 20 | " " " Bill Forbes & Wallace | 47.57 |
| " | " " " Freight on Magazines | 25- |
| Sept 11 | " " " E. S. Ward (Portraits & Principles) | 2.90 |
| Oct 7 | " " " G. W. Tillinghast | 50.00 |
| Nov 20 | " " " Ex on Books | 50 |
| 26 | " " " Ex & Cartage Magazines | 50 |
| 28 | " " " M. A. Tarbell on Salary | 20.83 |
| Dec 4 | " " " F. D. Lincoln Paper | 50 |
| 14 | " " " Spence P. & B. Co R. M. & 3.00 M. A. 2.25 | 59.45 |
| 18 | " " " G. A. Walen Magazines | 24.25 |
| 26 | " " " M. A. Tarbell. Extra Work | 15.00 |
| Feb 2 | " " " Ex on various Books | 55- |
| " 17 | " " " Spence P & B. Co | 25- |
| 26 | " " " Forbes & Wallace | 25.49 |
| Mar 1 | " " " M. A. Tarbell on Salary | 12.50 |
| " | " " " " " " " Testage &c | 2.17 |
| " | " " " G. M. Hitchcock Testage &c | 80 |
| | | 283.32 |

1896

Dr

| | | |
|-------|---------------------------|--------|
| Mar 1 | To cash on hand | 49.02 |
| Apr 6 | " " Appropriation by Town | 150.00 |
| " | " " " " " " | 25.00 |
| " | " " Salary of Librarian | 50.00 |
| | Bills outstanding | 9.30 |
| | | 283.32 |

1896

The Union J. Shaw Fund

| | | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| July 1 | Deposits in Spence Inst for Savings | 500.00 |
| " " | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 741.78 |
| " " | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 500.00 |
| Aug 15 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 502.81 |
| | | 2244.59 |

Principles }
Mar 6. 1899 }

Webster H. Linn
Cesar F Brown
M. Anna Tarbell

Approved
by
Committee

Meeting of Trustees of Primitive Public Library
May 28. 1897

Meeting called to order by the clerk
the chairman Rev W. T. Fair having died since
the last meeting. The house was organized
by choosing Oscar F. Brown chairman
Geo M Hitchcock clerk

Voted M. Anna Tarbell Librarian June to June
and by vote of the town the Librarian salary
to be increased to twenty five dollars per year

The funds available for the Library were
Dog Fund. and interest on Shaw Fund

Voted That Geo M Hitchcock, Oscar F Brown and
Charles L Brown be a committee to procure
new shelving for library

Voted That M. Anna Tarbell, Mrs J. H. Hays, Robert M
Linden and Charles L. Brown be a committee
to purchase books for the Library

Voted That we subscribe for the periodical "Public Library"
from June 1st to Jan 1. 1898

Voted That we subscribe for the "Outlook" from
June 1st to Jan 1. 1898

Voted To now adjourn subject to call of chairman

Geo M Hitchcock
clerk

Meeting of Trustees July 31. 1897

Voted that the list of books prepared by the committee previously chosen be accepted and that the committee be authorized to purchase ^{the same} for the library

Voted To now adjourn

Geo M. Hitchcock
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees Dec 27. 1897

Voted to subscribe for the same magazines for the Library as taken the past year with the exception of discontinuing Lippincott's

Voted to add to the list of Magazines "Spink & Co" and McClure's

Voted to instruct the Treasurer to add to the deposit in the Springfield Institution for savings, - the U. J. Shaw fund - Twelve and 5/100 Dollars which has lately been received by the Treasurer from R. W. Essie, Trustee. Holding a true receipt of Est U. J. Shaw

Voted that the Clerk purchase the Magazines

Voted to purchase a new lamp for Library and that Geo M. Hitchcock purchase the same

Voted that Oscar F. Brown's case books to be placed under the book shelves

Voted To now adjourn

Geo M. Hitchcock Clerk

Meeting of Trustees March 11. 1898
 Mrs J. H. Mayo & C. C. Brown absent

Voted that the Supplement of Catalogue of books
 in the Library be printed with the ten
 Annual Reports as consented by the
 Selectmen

Voted to new organ
 Geo W. Hildesheim

Clerk

Meeting of Trustees of the Brimfield Public Library
April 11th 1898

George M. Hitchcock, Thomas J. Morgan, Chas. C. Brown, Mrs. John H. Hayes, Miss M. Anna Parbell, Miss Rebecca M. Lincoln present.

The meeting organized by choosing George M. Hitchcock chairman and Chas. C. Brown Secretary.

Voted That Chas. C. Brown shall be the Treasurer of the Public Library in accordance with a vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting

Voted That George M. Hitchcock, Miss Parbell and Miss Lincoln shall be a committee to see about selecting a table for books also chairs for the Library

Voted Upon motion of Thomas J. Morgan that the Librarian shall be authorized to give away one hundred copies of the Library catalogue to families in town

Voted That the Critic shall be added to the list of Magazines for the Library

Voted Upon motion of Mrs. John H. Hayes that the Librarian shall extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Notman for gifts to the Library also to the Woman's Educational Association for loan of books.

Voted That M. Anna Parbell, Rebecca M. Lincoln and C. C. Brown be a committee to purchase books. also Mrs. J. H. Hayes to be one of the committee

Voted To Adjourn

Chas. C. Brown
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees of the Brimfield
Public Library May 27th 1898.
- Mrs John H. Hoyer absent -

Voted That a bill of \$11.58 presented by Miss
Darrell for extra services &c shall be paid

Voted Miss M. Anna Darrell to be Librarian
from June '98 to June '99

Voted To now adjourn
Thomas C. Brown
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees Nov 2^d 1898

Thomas J. Morgan absent.
Report of Treasurer showed that there was
\$35.07 available cash on hand

Voted To subscribe for all Magazine now taken
except the "Spirit of '76"

Voted To adjourn
Thomas C. Brown
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees March 13th 1899

Mrs Hoyer and Mr Morgan absent.

The report of the Librarian which is to be a
corporate part of the Annual Report, was
read before the meeting.

Voted To authorize the Librarian to purchase rubber
stamps, at a price not exceeding two dollars,
for marking the covers of the Library magazines.

Voted To now adjourn

Thomas C. Brown
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees of the Brimfield Public Library April 14 1894

George M. Hitchcock Charles C. Brown

Rebecca M. Lincoln and M. Anna Tarbell

Present, Thomas J. Morgan and Mrs. John

H. Hayes absent

The board organized by choosing
Geo. M. Hitchcock chairman and Chas. C. Brown
Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted That M. Anna Tarbell Rebecca M. Lincoln
Mrs. John H. Hayes and Chas. C. Brown be a
committee to purchase books for the Library.

Voted To allow the Librarian a sum not exceeding
five dollars, for extra services, to be expended
the ensuing year for assistance on Saturday
evenings.

Voted That the Librarian be authorized to make
arrangements for sending books to E. Brimfield
without expense to the Library, for the benefit
of residents in that part of the Town. The
books to be in charge of some responsible
person to be selected by the Librarian.

Voted To subscribe for the "Spirit of '76" from
Jan 99 to Jan 1900.

Voted To authorize the book buying committee
to expend a sum not exceeding fifty dollars
for the purchase of the next lot of books.

Voted To adjourn
Chas. C. Brown
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees of the Brimfield Public
Library May 29th 1899

Mr Morgan and Mrs Wages absent

Voted That the book buying committee ascertain if the supplement to Johnsons cyclopedia has been published. if so to get the price of the four volumes offered for sale by W. H. Shaw

Voted Miss McAnna Tarbell to be Librarian from June 99 to June 1900

Voted That Miss Tarbell and C. C. Brown be a committee to see about the purchase of a hat rack (the price not to exceed two dollars also chair for the Library

Voted To adjourn
Chas. C. Brown
Clerk

Meeting of Trustees Dec 11th 1899

Miss Lupton absent

Voted To discontinue the "Spirit of '76"

Voted To renew the subscription of all Magazines now taken

Voted To subscribe for the Library Journal

Voted To accept the sum of twenty dollars offered by Mr. Edward J. Green to be paid to the Librarian ^{extra} for services for one year from Jan. 1st 1900

Voted To have the Library open on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 o'clock P.M. and on Saturdays from 3 to 4 o'clock P.M. and to discontinue opening the Library on Fridays

Voted To extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Edward J. Green for his gift of books to the Library and for his offer of pecuniary aid

Voted To adjourn
Charles J. Green
1900

Meeting of Trustees of the Brimfield Public
Library Dec 16 1897

Mr Thomas J Morgan absent

Voted to pay all bills for Books already contracted
for

Voted to adjourn

Chas. C. Brown
Clerk

Winfield Mass May 29th 1900

The Trustees of the Winfield Public Library met in the Library at 7.30 P.M.

The following members were absent.

~~Miss~~ Rebecca Lincoln

Mrs J. H. Hoyer.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary Mr Chas C Brown.

The election of officers being the first in order votes were ordered to be given for a chairman.

Voted That Thomas J Morgan be the Chairman of the meeting, also voted Thomas J Morgan be Chairman of the board of Trustees for the year 1900 A.D.

Voted - That M. Anna Tarbell be Librarian.

Voted - That W. Allen be Secretary.

Voted - That The committee to select and purchase Books during the year consist of the six members of the Trustees of the Library as follows

W. Allen

M. Anna Tarbell

Thomas J Morgan

Miss Rebecca Lincoln

Chas C Brown

Mrs J. H. Hoyer

Voted To express thanks to Mr John Warren for his generosity, of the gift made to the Library, a traveling book-case - (in shape of a "Periscope", with leather straps)

On Motion. Voted that the Trustees have four regular meetings during each year, and that they be quarterly as follows.

The last Wednesday in the month of May, August, November, and February.

There being no further business voted to adjourn, adjourned
W. Allen Sec

Rimfield Aug 29th 1900

The regular quarterly meeting for the transaction of Library business was held.

Present Thomas J. Morgan, Mr. Anna Tarbell & I. W. Allen.

A Postal card from Mr. E. C. Brown with regrets for being unable to attend with suggestion that only fifty dollars be expended for books at this time. The buying committee made a partial list and adjourned to meet next Thursday at 7-30 P.M.

I. W. Allen Sec.

Rimfield Public Library Sept 6th 1900

The following members of the Trustees met in the Library for purpose to complete an order for books not to exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars. To be
Chairman Thos. J. Morgan
Librarian Mr. Anna Tarbell.

Mr. E. C. Brown & I. W. Allen.

Meeting turned to order and proceeded on the selection of a number listed and on motion voted that the Librarian order them as soon as possible for inspection.

There being no further business voted to adjourn. adjourned.

I. W. Allen Sec.

Amherst Jan 28th 1901

At call for a special meeting by the Librarian. The following members of the Trustees were present in the Library Room, constituting a quorum, at 3 O'clock P.M.,

Miss M A Tarbell

" Rebecca Lincoln

Mr C C Brown

B Swallen.

{ Other Trustees
(were out of town)

The business transacted consisted of the making a list of books to be purchased not to exceed the sum of Fifty-Dollars

Voted

That Miss M A Tarbell purchase the books as listed by the Trustees.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

B Swallen Secy.

Amherst Saturday March 9th 1901

At a business meeting of the Trustees held in the Library Room at 3 O'clock P.M. the following members were present

Chairman, Thomas J. Morgan

Secy. B Swallen

Librarian Miss M A Tarbell

Trustee Miss Rebecca Lincoln

On motion of Mr J Morgan voted that the books were satisfactory and that the Lib. settle for them.

On Motion of Miss Rebecca Lincoln and seconded by Swallen. Voted, That the rules limiting the number of books to two which a family could draw from the Library be rescinded and discarded, in favor of allowing in place, that members may draw any reasonable number of books at one time, said books subject to all other rules as to time, fines etc as heretofore

Where the Librarian was a study
 and the name of the Librarian was
 in the book and was to be made
 in the book and was to be made
 in the book and was to be made
 in the book and was to be made

Amherst May 22^d ~~III~~ 1901

Regular Meeting all trustees present.
 The old board of officers:

Elected Mr Morgan Chairman.

Elected Mr C. C. Brown Treasurer.

Elected Mrs Rebecca M Lincoln Sec

On motion voted to proceed to ballot
 for Librarian.

Whole number of votes cast 6 and
 Miss M Anna Tarbell had 5 five votes
 and was declared elected

Treasurer Report was called for
 and C. C. Brown. Said there was about
 \$188⁰⁰ dollars on hand, One Hundred Eighty eight

On motion ^{Mrs Tarbell} voted

That the trustee make provision for the
 for the distribution of books in
 outlying districts, where this is practical
 in accordance with the "Act" of Legislature
 of 1900 to make a reasonable expenditure
 therefor if necessary to promote the Library
 interests of the term.

On motion voted that a committee of
 two be appointed to go to the outlying
 districts to see what arrangements
 can be made to distribute book

and to report at same future meeting.

On motion voted that ^{the} salary of the Librarian be Ninety-five dollars for the coming year. dating June 1st 1901

Voted On motion voted that a book buying Committee of the whole board of Trustees be the wish of this meeting.

Book buying Committee

{
 Thos Morgan
 Chas C Brown
 J. W. Allen
 M Anna Tarbell
 Mrs J H Hayes
 Miss Rebecca Pierce
 (Lincoln)

{ This committee will buy
 the Genealogy if they
 find it just what is
 wanted.

On motion of C C Brown voted that all the unsound Magazines be bound.

On Motion voted to adjourn. *Allen Secy*

Brimfield, Nov. 5, 1901

Trustees of Brimfield Public Library, met at 9.15 A.M.

In accordance with the law governing such cases, declared a vacancy on their Board, caused by removal of Isaac Allen.

Voted, Notice of said vacancy, be given to selectmen.

Voted, To adjourn to selectmen's room, at 9.30 A.M..

At 9.30, Trustees met selectmen and gave notice of vacancy.

Voted, Notice of vacancy be posted for one week.

Voted, Charles Brown post said notice.

Voted, To adjourn to Nov. 13, 7.30 P.M..

R. M. Lincoln, Sec.

Brimfield, Nov. 13, 1901

A joint meeting of Trustees of Brimfield Public Library and selectmen of Brimfield was held this evening for the purpose of filling vacancy, on the board, caused by removal from town, of Isaac Allen.

Thomas J. Morgan presided. M. A. Tarbell Sec. pro tem.

Hellington Rodzkins was unanimously elected, to fill the vacancy in the board.

At a meeting of Trustees held immediately after the election,

Voted, To instruct treasurer to pay Brown & Peice bill for express.

Voted, To subscribe for the same magazines subscribed for last year.

Voted, To purchase Index to Springfield Republican 1901.

Voted, To adjourn to Nov. 21 at 3. P.M..

M. Anna Tarbell Sec. pro tem.

Brimfield, Nov. 21, 1901.

At a meeting of the full board of trustees,
Voted, To expend a sum not exceeding twenty-five
dollars for books.

Voted, Mrs. Lizzie Noyes and Miss Anna Tarbell
be authorized to purchase books.

Voted, To adjourn to Nov. 25 at 3 P.M.

R. W. Lincoln, Sec.

Brimfield Nov. 25-

Secretary not present, no minutes taken.

Brimfield, Jan. 10, 1902

At a meeting of the full board of trustees
held in Hitchcock Academy;

Voted To empower Miss M. A. Tarbell, to apply
money given to her for the benefit of the
Library, (and not otherwise designated), to
the classifying of the books.

Voted.

That Miss Tarbell and C. C. Brown be a
committee to procure a new book case
suitable for the needs of the Library.

Voted

To have new book plate labels for the books.

Voted

To adjourn to March 1, 1902.

Brimfield March 1, 1902

Voted

That we expend for books, the balance of
interest on Shaw fund; and further
amount, not to exceed available funds.

Brimfield, June 1, 1902

Meeting organized. C. Brown, Sec. Chairman

Voted

That the officers for the ensuing year

consist of Chairman, J. J. Morgan,
Secretary, R. M. Lincoln, Treas. C. C. Brown,
Librarian M. A. Tarbell.

voted

Book buying com. consist of the board of trustees, with the understanding that any three of the members be empowered to buy.

Brimfield, Apr. 28, 1903

At the regular meeting of Trustees

voted

Mr. Hodgkins act as chairman for the evening
Mr. Morgan " " " " for ensuing year

" R. M. Lincoln " " Secretary " " "

" C. C. Brown " " Treasurer " " "

" M. A. Tarbell " " Librarian " " "

" Entire Board of Trustees constitute Book buying com.

" Books may be purchased on decision of any three.

" A vote of thanks be sent to Mrs. Nancy K. Thump.

Brimfield Feb. 25, 1904.

Trustees met at the home of Librarian, and heard report of Treasurer and Librarian.

No motions were made, but odds and ends of business were talked over and we adjourned until the regular yearly meeting.

Brimfield May 24, 1904

At the regular meeting of trustees

voted Mr. Hodgkins act as chairman for ensuing year.

" C. C. Brown " Treasurer " " "

" Miss R. M. Lincoln " Secretary " " "

" M. A. Tarbell " Librarian " " "

" Whole board constitute book buying committee.

" A committee be appointed to ascertain what steps are necessary in regard to acceptance of new library.

Ruben M. Lincoln

Brimfield June 6, 1904

Met at home of secretary.

Whole board present.

Voted To issue no books from June 10 to July 1 inclusive.

" To get permission from Ins. Co. to move books from old to new Library.

" That W. A. Farbell, B. B. Bliss and R. M. Lincoln constitute committee of arrangement for the dedication of new building.

" Dedication exercises, June 30, at 1.30 P.M.

In accordance with said vote, the committee invited the following persons to assist in the dedication program.

Invocation... Rev. Sam. Eaton

Welcome... Dr. R. V. Lawin

Presentation and acceptance... { H. L. Price
C. C. Brown

Solves... Mr. Charles E Hitchcock

Addresses... Dr. E. W. Newwood, Prof. Chas. E. Fay
Rev. W. E. Waterbury, Salem S. Charles, Henry & Hyde
George A. Bacon.

Refreshments were placed in charge of,
Mrs. Lillian James and Lydia Hitchcock.

Brimfield July 14, 1904

Trustees met in reading room of new Library.

Voted That a vote of thanks be recorded to
Mrs. Enocia Flynt for gift of one hundred dollars

" Sarah Dutton Thompson for gift of mat.

" Mr. and Mrs. Melcher, for gift of place

" Miss Dorothy Melcher, for gift of stationery.

" " Georgina Whitehouse, Clock

" Mr. George A. Bacon, Books

" " Coulidge, "

Robert M. Lincoln

Brimfield Oct. 17, 1904.

At a meeting of Selectmen and Trustees of P. L.
C. F. Tarbell was elected chairman.

R. M. Lincoln " " clerk

Orrin Hicks, teller.

First vote cast for trustee to fill vacancy caused
by removal from town of W. Hodgkins.

Rev. Samuel Eaton unanimously elected

Second vote cast for trustee to fill vacancy caused
by removal from town of Bertha B. Bliss.

Margaret Dinsmore unanimously elected.

At Adjourned meeting.

voted Dr. R. V. Savin serve as chairman of our board
for ensuing year.

voted The trustees relinquish all rights in them vested
for use of room in Town Hall formerly used for P. L.
" Selectmen be notified of said vote.

voted That committee consisting of Rev. S. Eaton Dr. Savin
and M. A. Tarbell be appointed act concerning
removal of books from said room to new building.

Rebecca M. Lincoln

Brimfield, Dec. 5, 1904

Met at house of secretary.

voted Treasurer demand from Town Clerk the fifty dollars
voted by town for moving expenses and other
expenses incident to dedication.

voted Discontinue Lib. Journal and substitute Pub. Libs.
in subscriptions for ensuing year.

" To adjourn to Dec. 12.

Brimfield Dec. 12, 1904.

Met at home of secretary.

voted That the gift of one hundred dollars from Mrs. Hyatt
July 1, 1904, shall remain as a permanent fund
the interest only to be used.

" To purchase new books.

Brimfield Feb. 14, 1905-

At a meeting of trustees, held in the Library:

Voted. To send a vote of thanks to the donors of recent gifts.

Voted. Treasurer make such report of finances as will satisfy the law governing such cases.

Voted. Treasurer be authorized to pay such bills as have been examined by the trustees.

Brimfield March 16, 1905-

Trustees met in the Library to estimate the cost of maintaining Library for past year. No motions made.

Brimfield Apr. 10, 1905-

Trustees met at the home of secretary.

Voted. Dr. R. V. Savin act as chairman for ensuing year.

" R. M. Lincoln " " secretary " " "

" E. C. Brown " " treasurer " " "

" M. A. Farbell " " librarian " " "

" The salary of librarian be raised to one hundred dollars.

" The board of trustees in conjunction with librarian act as book-buying com. for ensuing year.

August 3, 1905-

Trustees met in the Library.

Voted To buy books, and garden tools.

" To get estimates on cost of screens.

" To continue the work of classifying books.

Rebecca M. Lincoln

Brimfield, March 5, 1906

Trustees met in Library. No motions were made but Miss Tarbell brought in some bills for work which were accepted, and Mr. Brown was authorized to pay bill for binding books as soon as said books were received.

May 12, 1906

In the absence of Dr. Tarvin, Mr. Eaton was chosen chairman pro. tem.

Voted

Dr. Tarvin serve as chairman for ensuing year
R. M. Lincoln as sec. Mr. Brown as treasurer
and Miss Tarbell as Librarian.

Voted

That no books be purchased, without the sanction of all the trustees.

September 21, 1906

An informal meeting of trustees was held in the reading room.

A list of books was selected for the Fall purchase
Amount available for books is eighty four and thirty two hundredths dollars.

Jan. 21 1907

Trustees met at home of Secretary.

Voted

To buy books

Feb. 8, 1907

Trustees met in the reading room

Voted

That the Librarian be empowered to purchase a card-catalog case and standard therefor

Voted

To accept gift of one hundred dollars from Mrs. Hyde to be known as the Mary Knight Hyde fund, and that the Sec. acknowledge the same.

Voted

To buy coal

Voted

To accept the list of books selected by the members of the board.

Brimfield June 3, 1907

Annual meeting of the Trustees.

Whole board present.

The officers of preceding year re-elected.

voted: That the Librarian be empowered to purchase table for magazines &c..

voted: To appropriate fifty dollars for care of building, furnace (including care of ashes) and lawn: and that Librarian have charge of the same.

July 19, 1907

Trustees met to select books.

Jan. 27 1908

Trustees met in the reading room and four were present.

voted: To purchase the usual semi-annual quota of books.

voted: To use such money as may be available for the purchase of lamps for reading room.

voted: To record a vote of thanks to Mrs. Loper for gift of oil painting.

Feb. 17, 1908

Trustees met in reading room

voted: To buy Childrens Library

June 22, 1908

Trustees met and re-elected officers for ensuing year.

voted: That the trustees constitute book buying committee.

voted: That a committee of three, in conjunction with the Librarian inspect the books before they are accepted.

voted: That Mr. Eaton, Miss Lincoln and Miss Truismore constitute said committee.

voted: That gift of one hundred dollars from Mrs. Mary Knight Hyde be accepted and acknowledged.

Brimfield, Dec. 8, 1908.

Trustees met and voted to subscribe
for a new magazine for young folks.
voted To buy the usual amount of books.

March 3, 1909

Trustees met to select books.

May 14 1909

Trustees met and elected officers for ensuing year
Chairman, Mr. Eaton, Librarian M. A. Farbell
Treasurer, C. C. Brown. Sec. R. M. Lincoln.

voted

The Librarian be given an additional twenty-
five dollars and that the Library be kept
open two hours a week longer than heretofore.
That we purchase a lamp for entrance
to Library: and that Dr. Lawin and Mr. Eaton
be the purchasing committee.

Nov. 12, 1909

voted

Trustees met at home of the secretary
To renew subscription for periodicals!

voted

To buy books.

Nov. 16, 1909

At a joint meeting of the selectmen and
trustees of the Library, A. B. Brown was
elected chairman, R. M. Lincoln clerk and
W. C. Davenport, teller.

First vote cast to fill vacancy caused by
resignation of Rev. S. Eaton.

George F. Kenney elected.

Meeting adjourned to home of Miss Tansmore

voted

That Dr. R. V. Lawin serve as chairman,

Brimfield, Jan. 6, 1910

Meeting was called to order by Dr. R. V. Savin who appointed M. E. Dunsmore Secretary Pro. tem.

A list of books was selected, to be sent on approval.

M. E. Dunsmore Sec. Pro. tem.

March 9th 1910

Books were selected and bills approved.

June 28 1910

voted Trustees met and reelected all the officers of the board. To meet last Wednesday in Feb. and August.

February 22 1911

Meeting was called to order by Dr. R. V. Savin and M. E. Streeter was chosen Sec. Pro tem.

voted That the Lib. Trustees recommend to the town at the annual Town meeting that the insurance on books be increased and that an insurance of one thousand dollars be taken on Lib. furniture.

voted That the sum of twenty five dollars be expended for a revolving bookcase.

M. E. Streeter Sec. pro tem.

October 2, 1911

The full board of trustees met in the Library and the existing officers were reelected.

voted That thanks be sent to Mrs. Mary B. Hyde for her last gift of one hundred dollars; to Mr. E. Hitchcock of Amherst for the genealogy of the Hitchcock family also to Mr. W. Kacher for the inkstand which adorns our Library table.

voted To petition the town to lay a granolithic walk from street to Library.

voted To meet Oct. 11 for selection of books.

December 5, 1911

Voted If a meeting is called for selection of books, that two of the trustees, with the Librarian shall constitute a book-buying committee

Voted To discontinue our subscription for the Cosmopolitan

Voted To subscribe for the Etude and World's work.

Rebecca M. Lincoln

February 28, 1912

Voted To buy coal and wood.

" To buy lamps for tables in book room.

" To pay Librarian ten dollars for extra work.

June 3, 1912.

Voted The fiscal year date from March 1st

" The Chairman be instructed to increase the insurance

" The salary of the Librarian be increased to one hundred and fifty dollars.

Nov. 21, 1912

Trustees met to select new books.

Feb. 19, 1913

Trustees met to select books.

July 14, 1913

Not enough present to transact business

Voted To adjourn to Aug. 9, 1913

August 9, 1913. Adjourned meeting

Voted To reelect officers.

" To pay Librarian the same as last year.

Voted To buy such books, as the students of the agricultural school may require, at such times as they may be needed.

June 1st 1914

Voted To reelect officers

Voted To pay Librarian the same as last year

Voted To buy the usual amount of books

Rebecca M. Lincoln

June 1st 1915-

- Voted To reelect all of the officers
 Voted To pay Librarian ten dollars for extra services
 " To buy folding chairs

Rebecca M. Lincoln

Nov. 4, 1915-

- Voted That Mrs. Street and Mrs. Esterbrook, get information in regard to furnaces.

Nov. 12, 1915

- Voted To ask the Trustees of the Lincoln fund to pay the deficit on the Library approach.
 Voted To ask the Trustees of the same fund to authorize the Library trustees to install a new furnace
 Voted To buy four kindergarten chairs for Library use.
 " To buy coal

April 17, 1916

Dr. R. C. Favin, chairman, appointed M. E. Insurance Sec. pro. tem.

- Voted To reelect all the officers
 To reelect Miss Tarbell, Librarian
 Voted To adjourn until we could have full vote on the subject of payment for approach to Library.

June 2, 1916

- Voted That the trustees have no power to use public funds for Library approach.
 Voted To buy books

Sept 1, 1916

- Voted To instruct the furnace committee, appointed Nov. 4, 1915, to obtain new estimates on specifications made at that time.
 Voted To accept the gift of Miss Warren of the bust of her brother, with the understanding that it should be returned, if for any reason we cannot care for it.

December 8, 1916

- Voted To buy new books.
 " That Finance committee examine and approve bills pertaining thereto.
 " That we use the interest of the Hyde fund this year toward finishing the Lib. approach.
 Rebecca M. Lincoln

May 7, 1917

- Voted To subscribe for World's Work
 " To " " Boys Life
 " To pay Librarian for Clerical work on charging system
 Voted To " Miss Sumner for extra work
 " To buy books as soon as possible
 " To select officers for ensuing year
 Rebecca M. Lincoln

September 20, 1917

- Voted Voted to collect money for books for soldiers.
 Dr. Parson Rev W. Eastbrook Mrs Streeter Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Lawrence were chosen as solicitors.

December 17, 1917

- Voted Miss Farbell confer with Mrs. Plimpton in regard to her services as Librarian

October 17, 1918

- Voted To select officers for ensuing year.
 " To accept resignation of C. C. Brown as treasurer.
 " That Rev. W. Eastbrook serve as treasurer.
 " To ask Mrs. Starnport to take charge of books for E. Brimfield
 " To have new shelves for book overflow.
 " To extend thanks to Mr. Archer for gift of books.
 " To procure postal cards to be used in acknowledging favors, gifts etc., also announcing books over due.
 " To subscribe for Literary Digest, for two months on trial,
 Rebecca M. Lincoln

Feb. 13, 1919.

- Voted C. Robinson serve as chairman for ensuing year
 " Rev. W. Estabrook serve as treasurer, M. Anna Tarbell
 as Librarian and R. M. Lincoln as secretary
 Voted To secure shelves for reading room and brackets
 for book room.
 Voted To procure fender and basket.
 " To pay Mr. Estabrook for incidental expenses
 " To buy books
 " To pay Miss Tarbell two hundred dollars for the
 ensuing year.

Rebecca M. Lincoln

June 28, 1920

- Voted C. Robinson serve as chairman for ensuing year
 " Rev. W. Estabrook serve as treasurer, M. Anna Tarbell
 as Librarian and R. M. Lincoln as secretary.
 Voted To ~~appoint~~ a committee of three to look into the subject
 of rules and regulations; Mr. Estabrook Mrs. Tarbell and
 R. M. Lincoln were selected.
 Voted C. Robinson be appointed to see what repairs are
 needed, and to see that the work is done.
 Voted To accept fifty dollars sent by Mr & Mrs. Eumour and
 that the Sec. acknowledge the same
 Voted Sec. thank Mr. Henry Hyde for his gift of pictures.
 Rebecca M. Lincoln

Dec. 20, 1920.

A discussion of out standing bills, and book suggestions
 was followed by a selection of new books.

- Voted To pay Mrs. Davenport twenty five dollars for services
 for the year 1919.
 Voted To pay Mrs. Davenport what she asks for her
 services for ensuing year, the sum not to exceed
 twenty five dollars
 Voted To subscribe for Lit. Digest and Outlook.
 Voted The final selection of books be left to Treasurer and
 Librarian.

Emyenia Tarbell
 Sec. pro tem.

July 15, 1921

Noted

To increase the salary of the Librarian
To select officers for ensuing year.

R. M. Lincoln.

Dec. 5 1921

Noted

Alma W. Bissell act as secretary

"

to Robinson secure hitching posts for Library

"

The same magazines be ordered for coming year

"

The Missionary Review be ordered unless it is presented

A list of books was selected.

Respectfully submitted. A. W. Bissell Secy.

June 30, 1922

A joint meeting of the Trustees of the Library and the Trustees of the Library Fund was held on Friday evening June 30. This meeting was called on account of a vote passed at the special Town Meeting relative to the purpose of the Library Fund, on which it was thought that legal council should be called.

Clarence Brown was appointed Chairman and Martha Streeter Secy. The Chairman called for an expression by the joint committee in reference to what it considered the proper use of the fund as presented by Lincoln. Pease Council, called by Committee.

Noted

That said fund could not be used for anything but care and maintenance of building.

Noted

That Chairman of joint Committee report upon this meeting at the next special Town Meeting.

Noted

To adjourn

Martha E. Streeter Secy. pro. tem

At the above meeting officers were elected for ensuing year. Martha Streeter Chairman, Mr. Estabrook Treas. M. Anna Farbell Lib. and Rebecca M. Lincoln Secy.

R. M. Lincoln.

July 26, 1923

There has no business matter come before the Trustees since June 30, 1922, but we have met to select books as they were needed. Today we voted to select officers for ensuing year.

R. M. Lincoln, Secy.

July 16 1924

Meeting called to order by Chairman.

Voted To organize for present year:

Mr. Streeter was elected Chairman.

Rebecca Lincoln Secretary.

M. Anna Farrell, Librarian and Janitor.

Voted To purchase the usual amount of books for Library.

Voted To subscribe for H. Ancestry for E. Bainfield.

Voted The Janitor have charge of buying coal.

Voted To leave care of plastering with H. Goodbroth.

Voted To meet the first Monday in every month: time not fixed.

Voted To adjourn.

R. M. Lincoln, Sec.

Aug. 4, 1924.

Informal meeting: Chairman not present, looked over new books and O.K'd bills for Librarian's salary & Electricity.

R. M. L. Sec.

Sept. 4, 1924

Trustees met. Mr. Streeter in the Chair.

Signed bills for Librarian's salary and two for books from Hunting.

Rebecca M. Lincoln Sec.

Oct 6, 1924

Informal meeting; only three present.

No motion made.

Signed bills for Librarian's salary; Cleaning; Electricity; & Maddock's bill for electric bulbs.

R. M. Lincoln, Sec.

Nov. 19, 1924

Mr. Streeter presiding. Two bills from Nat. Lib. Building and one for Electricity were approved by the Board.

Voted To change our time of meeting from first Monday in every month to the last Monday.

Voted To authorize the Town Treasurer to change the name of the Library accounts from Library to Town.

R. M. Lincoln

February 23, 1925

Regular meeting of the Lib. Trustees held
Annual elections were as follows.

Dr. Irving P. Sherman, chairman

Rebecca M. Lincoln, secretary

M. Anna Tarbell, Librarian and Janitor.

Noted To change Janitor's pay from \$4.16 $\frac{2}{3}$ to \$4.25 a month

Noted To thank Mr. Boyton for his kindness and to accept
any bill he may present

Noted To subscribe to The American Forestry for E. Brimfield

Noted To buy three cords of hard wood of Mr. Travers

The following bills were approved

M. Anna Tarbell 23.00

Amer. Forestry Association 4.00

Voted to adjourn

27.00

Mrs. Monroe Tarbell
Sec. pro. tem.

March 30, 1925

Regular meeting of Lib. Trustees held

General discussion

Bills approved

M. Anna Tarbell \$ 23.00

" " " 2.28

Talley Press 10.89

Nat. Library Building Co. .85

H. W. Haunting Co. 8.85

45.87

Mrs. Monroe Tarbell
Sec. pro. tem.

Apr. 27 1925

Regular meeting of the Lib. Trustees held

Bills approved

M. Anna Tarbell 23.00

Library Bureau 7.95

30.95

Mrs. Monroe Tarbell
Sec. pro. tem.

May 25 1925

Regular meeting of the Lib. Trustees held.

General discussion & inspection of books.

Noted Librarian be authorized to purchase copy of

Who's who in America

Bills approved

M. Anna Tarbell \$ 26.25

Mrs. Monroe Tarbell
Sec. pro. tem.

June 27, 1925-

Regular meeting of Lib. Trustees

Noted

To buy coal

Signed bills for Librarian and janitor

Noted

To insert the following letter.

Brimfield Library Brimfield Mass. Gentlemen.
A client of mine is considering leaving to you a bequest,
and I am writing to ask:

- (1) Are you authorized to receive bequests?
- (2) Are you a corporation; and if so, your exact name and under what laws organized?
- (3) If an unincorporated association, your exact name and proper designation for a bequest.

I shall appreciate an early reply.

Yours truly Albert J. Shaw.

Rebecca M. Lincoln

Sec.

July 27 1925-

Regular meeting of the Library Trustees held
Bills approved

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| H. K. Hunting | 42.72 | |
| M. Anna Tarbell Lib. | 18.72 | |
| M. Anna Tarbell Jan. | 4.25 | 65.69 |

Rebecca M. Lincoln Sec.

Aug 31 1925-

Regular meeting of the Library Trustees.
Bills approved,

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| M. Anna Tarbell | Moving Caron | 4.67 |
| " | " | " |
| " | Janitor | 4.25 |
| " | Librarian | 18.75 |
| Total | | 27.67 |

Authorize Chairman of Trustees and Librarian to
have additional shelving put up
Rec'd from Dr. Sherman a large map of Mass.

Rebecca M. Lincoln Sec.

September 28, 1925-

The Chairman reported the bequest of \$711.41
four hundred and eleven dollars and forty one cts.
"from the estate of Louis E. Robinson to be known
as the Elizabeth Brown Robinson Memorial Fund;
the income alone to be used and only for purchase
of books or for other educational purposes."

Frank R. Bayton Ec. Estate of Louis E. Robinson
57 Court St. Boston.

Bills approved.

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| M. Anna Tarbell as Librarian | \$18.75- |
| " " " " Janitor | 4.25- |
| W. & S. Gas and Electric Co. | 1.50 |
| Louis Wells, work on grounds | <u>2.25-</u> |
| | \$26.75- |

October 1925

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| M. Anna Tarbell Jan. &c | 23.00 |
| " " " mending water pipes | 1.63 |
| " " " Cutting wood &c. | 6.40 |
| H. Mad docks | 8.00 |
| Hulbert Booth | 10.00 |
| E. H. Drumm, work in Lib. | <u>9.50</u> |
| | 58.53 |

July 1926

Four present: reelected officers

Voted To Authorize Janitor to have furnace repaired.
Bills approved.

Rebecca M. Lincoln Sec.

September 29, 1926

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| To M. A. Tarbell for work on ground. | 6.30 |
| " Cleaning pipes | .50 |
| % Harting & Co for books | 50.50 |
| % W & S. Gas and Electric Co | <u>.84</u> |

58.14

June 8, 1927

Regular meeting of Trustees held at home of Miss Lincoln

Dr. Sherman was elected Chairman

Miss Lincoln was elected Secretary -

Miss Tarbee was appointed Librarian & Janitor -

Voted

Rules of the Library be printed.

Voted

Plastering be mended and Librarian. Loss after same Various bills approved.

Voted

To adjourn -

Eugenia P. Tarbee, Sec pro tem.

Sept 26, 1927.

Regular meeting held at the home of Miss Lincoln

Voted

To accept the offer of the State through the Division of Public Libraries to furnish a book tender for two weeks. ~~for~~ The limit to pay her expenses only.

General Discussion -

Voted

To adjourn

Eugenia P. Tarbee, Sec pro tem.

Aug 11, 1928.

Regular meeting held at home of Miss Lincoln.

Dr. Sherman elected Chairman

Miss Rebecca M. Lincoln elected Secretary.

Miss M. Anna Tarbee appointed Librarian and Janitor.

Various bills approved.

Voted

To approve contract with G. A. Antier & Son in regard to finishing Library - "To fill cracks, wash walls of the two main rooms, and tint same, color to be selected, with cold water paint, for \$105.00."

Voted

To adjourn

Eugenia P. Tarbee, Sec pro tem

Dec. 22 1928.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the
Brimfield Public Library was held Dec 22, 1928,
at which the following resolution was
adopted and spread upon the records:-

" Rebecca M. Lincoln was a member of the
Board of Trustees for forty-one years and its
Honored Secretary for twenty-eight years - Her
kind and sympathetic nature, her optimism
and enthusiasm, her willingness to
service on any and all occasions endeared
her to the entire board, and made her
advice and counsel particularly pleasing
and helpful.

We who had the privilege of close
association with her respected her as a
woman, loved her as a friend, and now
feel a deep sense of loss at her death.
We extend to the members of her family
our sincere and heartfelt sympathy."

Eugenia D. Tarkenton, Secretary

Mar 4 1929.

Regular meeting of Trustees held at
Library Building - 15 members present.

Dr. D. V. Sherman elected Chairman

Eugenia P. Jarboe elected Secretary.

Miss M. G. Jarboe elected Librarian & Janitor.

General discussion of Oil Burners, relative
to advisability of installing one.

Various Bills approved.

To adjourn.

Eugenia P. Jarboe, Sec.

Filed

February 19, 1930.

A Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Library was held.

D. S. Irving V. Sherman was elected Chairman.
 Eugenia V. Farbel was elected Secretary.

Miss Anna Farbel was appointed Librarian.

Various bills were approved -

Voted to return to regular monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month.

Voted to purchase a new book for the Secretary's use, and to preserve the old one as a history of the founding of the Library and all business pertaining thereto.

Voted to adjourn -

Eugenia V. Farbel, Sec -

Further records will be found in new book, beginning with meeting of ~~February~~ March 15, 1930





